

**CHAPTER NO. 630**

**SENATE BILL NO. 2456**

**By Cooper, Burks, Williams**

**Substituted for: House Bill No. 2504**

**By Harmon, Roach**

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 5, Chapter 7, Part 1 and Title 16, relative to the holding of court.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 5-7-105, is amended by designating the existing language as subsection (a) and by adding the following new subsection (b):

(b) Nothing in this section shall be construed as preventing or prohibiting a county that has constructed a criminal justice building or facility or that uses a building or facility that is not located within the limits of the county seat from holding criminal court in such building or facility, provided it is located within the limits of the county. If such building or facility is used to hold criminal court, a defendant may be indicted, prosecuted, tried and convicted in such building or facility as if done at the courthouse.


SECTION 2. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 16-1-105, is amended by designating the existing language as subsection (a) and by adding the following new subsection (b):

(b) Nothing in this section shall be construed as preventing or prohibiting a county that has constructed a criminal justice building or facility or that uses a building or facility that is not located within the limits of the county seat from holding criminal court in such building or facility, provided it is located within the limits of the county. If such building or facility is used to hold criminal court, a defendant may be indicted, prosecuted, tried and convicted in such building or facility as if done at the courthouse.

SECTION 3. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.

**PASSED: April 26, 2006**

  
JOHN S. WILDER  
SPEAKER OF THE SENATE

  
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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

**APPROVED this 12<sup>th</sup> day of May 2006**

  
PHIL BREDESEN, GOVERNOR